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Date of BA/BS **May 2021**  
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Date of JD/LLB **May 5, 2023**  
Class Rank **20%**  
Law Review/Journal **Yes**  
Journal(s) **Cumberland Law Review**  
Moot Court Experience **No**

**Bar Admission****Prior Judicial Experience**

Judicial Internships/  
Externships **Yes**

Post-graduate Judicial Law Clerk **No**

### **Specialized Work Experience**

### **Professional Organization**

Organizations **Caruther;s Fellow (Legal Writing TA)**

### **Recommenders**

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## Jonathan F. Hughes

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June 27, 2023

The Honorable Chief Bankruptcy Judge Bess M. Parrish Creswell  
United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Alabama  
US Bankruptcy Court  
One Church Street, Montgomery, AL 36104

Dear Chief Judge Creswell,

I am an upcoming third-year student at Cumberland School of Law, and I am writing to submit my application for your term law clerk position for 2024. I had the honor of meeting you to discuss a fall externship, and although I was unable to make the schedule work, I remain very interested in working for you both this spring and after graduation. I believe I would be a strong asset to your team given my legal writing credentials and professional background, and I am particularly interested in learning more about your vital work as a federal bankruptcy judge in Montgomery, a city in which I hope to explore the prospect of living.

I would be honored to have the opportunity to utilize my legal writing skills as your extern. During my experience this past summer, I was exposed to several different types of cases in different stages of litigation. This summer, I am gaining invaluable experience interning with two federal district judges in Birmingham primarily writing social security opinions while also learning the inner workings of a judge's chambers. I believe, based on my writing skills and experience, that I can be a valuable asset to your team by utilizing these skills to produce outstanding memos and briefs. I genuinely believe that a federal bankruptcy judge's chambers would be the perfect place for me to gain business law knowledge and experience while also providing value to your chambers.

I genuinely believe I can add value to your team through my research, memos, and briefs, stemming from my process-oriented approach to legal research and writing. Additionally, I believe the skills I acquire from serving as an Associate Editor of the Cumberland Law Review will further allow me to add value to your team by contributing a unique perspective on current legal events. Most importantly, however, I believe that my passion for quality legal writing along with my work ethic will help me become a quality law clerk.

I would be honored to have the opportunity to further discuss how I can use my unique work experience and legal writing skills to be a strong asset to your team. Thank you for considering my qualifications, and I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

s/ Jonathan F. Hughes

# Jonathan Faulkner Hughes

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## Education

**Samford University, Cumberland School of Law**, Birmingham, AL

J.D. Candidate, May 2024

GPA: 3.38 (Class Rank: 20%)

Honors: Albert L. Shumaker Dean's Scholarship  
Dean's List (3 semesters)

Activities: CUMBERLAND LAW REVIEW – Associate Editor  
Caruthers Fellow (Legal Writing TA)  
2023 Cumberland Law Review Legal Research Colloquium  
Alabama Defense Lawyers Association

Publications: *Bivens Liability Further Limited as U.S. Border Patrol Officer Accused of First and Fourth Amendment Violations Held Not Liable*, 53 CUMB L. REV. (forthcoming 2023).  
*Rodriguez v. Burnside: Prisoner's First Amendment Rights Trumped by Prison's Safety Policies*, 4 CUMB. L. REV. ONLINE 47 (2022).

**University of Georgia**, Athens, GA

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, May 2021

GPA: 3.50

## Experience

**United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama**

Birmingham, AL

*Judicial Intern* – Hon. Judge R. David Proctor

Summer 2023

- Drafted Social Security opinions and drafted opinions on motions for compassionate release

**United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama**

Birmingham, AL

*Judicial Intern* – Hon. Judge Madeline H. Haikala

Summer 2023

**Tisinger Vance, P.C.**

Carrollton, GA

*Summer Law Clerk*

Summer 2022

- Drafted a response, reply, and sur-reply to an opposing motion for summary judgment for a county attorney regarding a highly publicized zoning lawsuit
- Prepared responses to motions to compel for the firm's medical malpractice defense attorneys
- Conducted research into expert witnesses and prepared lists of deposition questions
- Observed and took notes on a Superior Court hearing on a motion for an auto lit case

**Houston Gaines for State House – Georgia HD117**

Athens, GA

*Staffer*

Fall 2019

- Worked directly with campaign manager Caitlin O'Dea to strategize canvassing and messaging
- Canvassed HD117; Gaines won the election and now serves in the Georgia House of Representative

**Drew Ferguson for Congress**

GA-03

*Staffer*

2015–2016

- Recruited six friends to canvass Carroll County; helped develop new pre-election day GOTV script
- Ferguson won the highly-contested GOP run-off after placing second in the primary
- Flipped Carroll County from opponent in primary to Ferguson in run-off

**Casey Cagle for Georgia**

Atlanta, GA

*Intern*

Summer 2018

- Participated in various get-out-the-vote efforts for the gubernatorial campaign including fundraisers.

**U.S. House of Representatives – Congressman Drew Ferguson**

Newnan, GA

*Intern*

Summer 2018

- Completed various casework projects at Congressman Ferguson's district office, including VA claims.

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## Applicant Education

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| BA/BS From            | University of Arkansas-Fort Smith                                     |
| Date of BA/BS         | May 2021  |
| JD/LLB From           | The University of Alabama School of Law                               |
|                       | <a href="http://www.law.ua.edu">http://www.law.ua.edu</a>             |
| Date of JD/LLB        | May 11, 2024  |
| Class Rank            | Below 50%   |
| Law Review/Journal    | Yes   |
| Journal(s)            | Law and Psychology Review   |
| Moot Court Experience | Yes   |
| Moot Court Name(s)    | Campbell Moot Court Board<br>Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court<br>Team |

## Bar Admission

### **Prior Judicial Experience**

|                                      |            |
|--------------------------------------|------------|
| Judicial Internships/<br>Externships | <b>Yes</b> |
| Post-graduate Judicial Law<br>Clerk  | <b>No</b>  |

### **Specialized Work Experience**

#### **Recommenders**

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**Parker Jennings**  
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June 12, 2023

The Honorable Bess Creswell  
Frank M. Johnson, Jr. United States Courthouse  
One Church Street, Room 401-C  
Montgomery, AL 36104

Dear Judge Creswell:

I am a rising third-year law student at The University of Alabama School of Law, where I serve as the Lead Articles Editor for the *Law and Psychology Review* and a member of the Campbell Moot Court Board and Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Team. I appreciated you taking the time to interact with my bankruptcy class, and it would be an honor to serve a 2024-2025 term clerkship in your chambers.

I was introduced to bankruptcy law by Judge Jennifer Henderson, Chief Judge for the Northern District of Alabama Bankruptcy Court, in fall of 2022 through her bankruptcy law course. Judge Henderson's passion for bankruptcy was evident and contagious in each class. The practical implications and core principles of bankruptcy—for both individuals and businesses—quickly made it my favorite area of law. I was selected to my first-choice moot court team at the close of the 2L Alabama Law Moot Court Competition. This allows me to further my passion for bankruptcy law by competing on The University of Alabama Duberstein Moot Court Team in Miami and New York City in spring of 2024.

I also developed a passion for writing through law school and summer positions at litigation-focused firms. This passion led to me scoring more than ten points above median on my individual moot court brief in the 2L moot court competition. Additionally, I will serve as a judicial extern in the chambers of the Honorable L. Scott Coogler, Chief Judge of the United States District Court for the Northern District of Alabama this fall. I believe that my passion for bankruptcy and writing continues to prepare me to contribute meaningfully to your chambers.

My resume, undergraduate and law school transcripts, and writing sample are provided in my application, along with letters of recommendation from Professors Benjamin McMichael and Cameron Fogle and Mr. Jarrod Bazemore. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Parker Jennings

**PARKER JENNINGS**

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**EDUCATION**

**The University of Alabama School of Law**, Tuscaloosa, AL

*Juris Doctor Candidate*, May 2024

- GPA: 3.314
- Lead Articles Editor, *Law and Psychology Review*, Vol. 48
- Duberstein Bankruptcy Moot Court Team
- Campbell Moot Court Board
- Full-Academic Scholarship

**University of Arkansas- Fort Smith**, Fort Smith, AR

*Bachelor of Business* in Business Marketing, English and Political Science Minors, May 2021

- First Bank Corporation College of Business Scholar
- Student Leadership Council, Officer
- Men's Golf Team, Two-year Captain
- Continuing Legal Education, Chair

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Hon. L. Scott Cooger, Northern District of Alabama**, Tuscaloosa, AL

Judicial Extern, Fall 2023

**Gaines Gault Hendrix**, Birmingham, AL

Summer Associate, Summer 2023

**Brown Sims**, Houston, TX

Summer Associate, Summer 2023

**Smith Spires & Peddy**, Birmingham, AL

Law Clerk, Summer 2022

- Provided research and drafting in the area of insurance defense litigation
- Drafted five briefs in support of motions for summary judgment
- Drafted memoranda and case summaries
- Researched legal issues and briefed attorneys in preparation for depositions

**Home Surety Title & Escrow**, Memphis, TN

Legal Intern, Summer 2022

- Provided legal research and support for real estate closing firm
- Oversaw the completion of more than 100 real estate transactions, including the preparation and execution of all necessary documents, coordinating the transfer of funds, and ensuring legal compliance.
- Worked closely with attorneys in office to clear title before closing

**INTERESTS**

Competing in amateur golf tournaments, watching Memphis basketball, and grilling

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## Applicant Education

BA/BS From **University of Colorado-Colorado Springs**  
 Date of BA/BS **May 2021**  
 JD/LLB From **The University of Alabama School of Law**  
<http://www.law.ua.edu>  
 Date of JD/LLB **May 10, 2024**  
 Class Rank **50%**  
 Law Review/Journal **Yes**  
 Journal(s) **Journal of the Legal Profession**  
 Moot Court Experience **No**

## Bar Admission

## Prior Judicial Experience

Judicial Internships/  
 Externships **Yes**

Post-graduate Judicial Law Clerk      **No**

## **Specialized Work Experience**

### **Recommenders**

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### **References**

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June 18, 2023

The Honorable Bess Creswell  
Frank M. Johnson, Jr. United States Courthouse  
One Church Street, Room 401-C  
Montgomery, AL 36104

Dear Judge Creswell:

I am a student at the University of Alabama School of Law. I am writing to express my interest in your chambers for the 2024-2025 term. I am an Articles Editor on the Journal of the Legal Profession and interned for Chief Judge L. Scott Coogler over the previous summer.

My summer jobs have provided me with experience in legal writing in a variety of practice areas, including transactional law and litigation, and strengthened my research skills. As a research assistant, I have become well versed in using Westlaw and Lexis to identify relevant laws and articles to resolve issues and stay up to date on emerging legal developments. In my in-house counsel position at Randall-Reilly, I gained experience in legal writing by drafting contracts for employees, vendors, and customers. As a summer clerk at Fidelity National Title Insurance, I have strengthened my research abilities by completing research projects covering different states and a variety of legal issues. My research and writing abilities help me multitask and stay on top of heavy workloads, and will make me an effective Articles Editor on the Journal of the Legal Profession this fall. In my law clerk internship with Judge Coogler, I practiced applying case law to real cases and legal writing to resolve issues. This experience solidified my interest in clerking after graduating from law school. These abilities will enable me to meaningfully contribute to your chambers.

I have attached my resume and most recent transcript. Letters of recommendation from Professor Gold, Professor Grove, and Professor Krotoszynski are enclosed as well. I have also included a copy of my seminar paper, for which I conducted empirical research. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Victoria Jones

## VICTORIA JONES

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### EDUCATION

#### **The University of Alabama School of Law**

Tuscaloosa, AL

*Juris Doctor* Candidate, May 2024

- GPA: 3.30
- *Journal of the Legal Profession*, Articles Editor
- If/When/How, Secretary
- Latinx Law Student Association, Secretary
- Business Law Society, Member
- Federalist Society, Member
- Student Animal Legal Defense Fund, Member
- First Generation Lawyer's Association, Member

#### **University of Colorado at Colorado Springs**

Colorado Springs, CO

Bachelor of Science, *magna cum laude*, in Marketing, May 2021

- GPA: 3.71
- Honors: National Society of Leadership and Success; Dean's List; President's List
- Pre-Law Society

### EXPERIENCE

#### **Fidelity National Title Insurance**

Omaha, NE

In-House Counsel Summer Clerk, May-July 2023

- Completed research projects to assist assigning attorneys with coverage claims
- Made coverage determinations on live claims from title insurance customers

#### **Chief Judge L. Scott Coogler, Northern District of Alabama**

Tuscaloosa, AL

Law Clerk, July-August 2022

- Observed courtroom proceedings
- Drafted opinion on a motion to compel arbitration

#### **Randall-Reilly**

Tuscaloosa, AL

In-House Counsel Summer Extern, May-July 2022

- Reviewed contracts with independent contractors, sales vendors, and customers
- Researched and drafted memoranda on emerging contract law issues
- Submitted recommendations to counsel and customers under attorney's supervision

### COMMUNITY SERVICE

Natrona County High school, Volunteer Speech and Debate Judge

Beagle Freedom Project, Volunteer

Tuscaloosa Metro Animal Shelter, Volunteer

Habitat for Humanity Wills Clinic, Volunteer

### ADDITIONAL INTERESTS

Ballroom dancing, volunteering with animals, traveling to national parks

**Applicant Details**

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| Date of BA/BS         | May 2021  |
| JD/LLB From           | Wake Forest University School of Law<br><a href="http://www.law.wfu.edu">http://www.law.wfu.edu</a>           |
| Date of JD/LLB        | May 20, 2024  |
| Class Rank            | 15%   |
| Law Review/Journal    | Yes   |
| Journal(s)            | Wake Forest Law Review  |
| Moot Court Experience | Yes   |
| Moot Court Name(s)    | Stanley Moot Court Competition<br>Wake Forest Law Moot Court Board<br>Member<br>Walker Moot Court Competition |

**Bar Admission**

### **Prior Judicial Experience**

Judicial Internships/  
Externships **No**  
Post-graduate Judicial Law  
Clerk **No**

### **Specialized Work Experience**

#### **Recommenders**

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June 13, 2023

The Honorable Bess Creswell  
Frank M. Johnson, Jr. United States Courthouse  
One Church Street, Room 401-C  
Montgomery, AL 36104

Dear Judge Creswell:

I am writing to apply for a clerkship in your chambers beginning in 2024, or during a later term. I am a rising third-year student at Wake Forest University Law School, where I actively contribute to the *Wake Forest Law Review* and Moot Court team. I have attached a resume, law school grade sheet, writing sample, and list of references.

What sets me apart as an applicant is my unique perspective as a first-generation college student. Growing up in an environment where higher education was not a common path, I have cultivated a strong work ethic, resilience, and resourcefulness that have been instrumental in my academic achievements. This background allows me to approach legal issues with a fresh and empathetic perspective, making me well-suited for the challenges of a clerkship.

Being a native of the South, I possess a deep connection and strong commitment to the Southern community. It is my earnest aspiration to contribute to the legal landscape by practicing law in the South. A clerkship in your chambers would provide me with an invaluable opportunity to gain firsthand experience and make a positive impact on the South's legal system.

I am particularly drawn to the clerkship opportunity within your chambers due to my involvement in bankruptcy litigation in my current summer associate position. This experience has instilled in me a strong desire to gain practical experience and develop a comprehensive understanding of the intricacies of bankruptcy law. Moreover, I will expand my knowledge by enrolling in my school's bankruptcy course this upcoming semester.

Professors Scott Schang and Margaret Taylor as well as attorney Elise Boike have submitted separate letters of recommendation on my behalf. If there is any other information that might be helpful, please let me know. I would welcome the opportunity to interview with you. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Grace Kinley

## Grace Kinley

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### EDUCATION

#### WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW

Juris Doctor Candidate, May 2024

GPA: 3.655, Class Rank: 22/151 (Top 15%)

Honors: Wake Forest Law Review Staff Member; Dean Reynolds Award Recipient in Torts (Highest Grade); George K. Walker Moot Court Competition (Top 16); Pro Bono Honor Society

Activities: Teacher's Assistant Position: Torts; Moot Court Board Member; Edwin M. Stanley Moot Court Competition; UNC Townsend Trial and Zeff Trial Competitions; Transactional Law Competition; Environmental Law Clinic; Part-time Library Desk and IT Help Desk Assistant

Pro Bono: Project Coordinator for Immigration Pro Bono Project; Wills, Expungements, Know Your Rights, Healthcare Advocacy

#### UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL

Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*, May 2021

GPA: 3.619

- Major in Political Science, Major in Peace War and Defense, Minor in History
- Study Abroad: Burch Field Research Seminar in the U.K. and Ireland

### LEGAL EXPERIENCE

#### RAYBURN COOPER & DURHAM, P.A. – Charlotte, NC

##### Summer Associate May 2023 – August 2023

- Researched a variety of legal issues including bankruptcy issues and contract disputes
- Managed large document review projects
- Assisted with litigation and mediation preparation
- Drafted blog posts summarizing recent NC Business Court decisions for RCD's "Business Court Blast"

#### LAKESHORE LEGAL AID – Detroit, MI

##### Summer Law Clerk: May 2022 – August 2022

- Appeared in the 36<sup>th</sup> District Court before the Honorable Judge Ruth Ann Garrett
- Provided legal representation to low-income tenants during nonpayment and termination of tenancy hearings
- Conducted intakes to ensure tenants' eligibility for nonprofit services
- Performed legal clerical work – created spreadsheets with party, compliance, and lawsuit status information
- Drafted legal documents, communicated directly with clients, and completed legal research and trial preparation

#### LEGAL AID OF NORTH CAROLINA – Pittsboro, NC

##### Intern: March 2020 – June 2020

- Organized a pro bono wills clinic with the Marian Cheek Jackson Center and Orange County Bar Association
- Coordinated wills and end-of-life document drafting for low-to-moderate-income residents
- Partnered with Attorney, Erin Haygood, shadowing her in court and assisting her with tasks and organization

### OTHER EXPERIENCE

#### CAROLINA POLITICAL REVIEW – Chapel Hill, NC

##### Staff Contributor: August 2020 – May 2021

#### UNC CALL CENTER – Chapel Hill, NC

##### Student Caller: September 2018 – March 2020

#### VARIOUS RESTAURANTS – Chapel Hill and Greensboro, NC

##### Server/Hostess: October 2016 – August 2021

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**Applicant Education**

BA/BS From **Grinnell College**  
 Date of BA/BS **December 2002**  
 JD/LLB From **Other**  
<http://www.lawschool.edu>  
 Date of JD/LLB **June 30, 2012**  
 LLM From **University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA) Law School**  
 Date of LLM **July 19, 2014**  
 Class Rank **School does not rank**  
 Law Review/Journal **Yes**  
 Journal(s) **Oxford University Commonwealth Law Journal**  
**Pacific Basin Law Journal**  
**Southampton Student Law Review**  
 Moot Court Experience **Yes**  
 Moot Court Name(s)

**Bar Admission**

Admission(s)                      **New York**

**Prior Judicial Experience**

Judicial Internships/  
Externships                      **Yes**

Post-graduate Judicial  
Law Clerk                      **No**

**Specialized Work Experience**

Specialized Work  
Experience                      **Appellate**

**Recommenders**

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June 15, 2023

The Honorable Bess Creswell  
Frank M. Johnson, Jr. United States Courthouse  
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Montgomery, AL 36104

Dear Judge Creswell:

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to submit these materials in application for the judicial clerkship for which you are currently recruiting. I believe I would be the ideal candidate for this position.

I have had a diverse career in commercial litigation and arbitration over the past six years, much of it with considerable international elements. I have excelled in oral and written advocacy, and have been entrepreneurial in identifying law firms in considerable need of assistance, enabling me to take up different positions around the world while building a profile in international arbitration.

I recently completed the courses necessary to become a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in London, which I was named this past September. These courses are designed to enable a fellow to sit as an arbitrator in a commercial dispute. In particular, Module 3, "Award Writing", is designed to teach the candidate how to draft an arbitral award, and I performed admirably in this course, drafting a strong award capable of surviving judicial scrutiny.

Over the course of completing this course, I realized that my main goal in my legal career is to sit as a judge or as an arbitrator, and it is to that end that I am submitting this application for a judicial clerkship in your chambers. I believe I am a strong advocate for clients, but I believe my real talents lie in the equanimous application of the law.

I have taken the liberty of including the arbitral award I drafted last summer. This award far exceeds any page limit, but I think that it, more than anything I have ever written, demonstrates my ability to draft a reasoned judgment of the sort that I would be expected to draft in your chambers. In other words, as your clerk, I would be able to hit the ground running.

Best regards,

Ross W. Martin

## Ross W. Martin

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### Bar Admissions

- **New York.** Attorney. April 2016.
- **England and Wales.** Solicitor. November 2019. Current practicing certificate.
- **Astana International Financial Centre.** Rights of Audience. September 2021.
- **Washington State.** Attorney. January 2022.
- **England and Wales.** Barrister. Date of call: July 2022. Non-practicing.

### Education

**Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.** International arbitration courses. 2021-2022. All three Modules complete. Admission to Fellowship (FCIArb): September 2022.

**University of California, Los Angeles, School of Law.** Master of Laws, 2014 – 2015. Concentration in American business law. Managing Editor: UCLA Pacific Basin Law Journal. Moot Court Honors Program.

**University of Oxford.** Bachelor of Civil Law (a highly advanced, post-J.D., common law degree), 2012 – 2014. Concentration in English and European commercial law. Associate Editor: Oxford University Commonwealth Law Journal.

**University of Southampton.** Bachelor of Laws (equivalent to a J.D.), 2010 – 2012. First Class Honours. Editor-in-Chief: Southampton Student Law Review.

**University of British Columbia.** Master of Arts. European Studies, 2004 – 2006.

**Grinnell College.** Bachelor of Arts. History and Western European Studies, 1998 – 2002.

### Experience

**Hecht Partners.** New York. *Senior Counsel.* July 2022 – present. Commercial litigation, international arbitration, and investor-state dispute settlement. Engaged in research, drafted memos and briefs, managed own workload with little supervision, supervised one paralegal.

- Played important role in large investment dispute brought under bilateral investment treaty against a country in Central Europe. Conducted research concerning claims settlement treaties, *res judicata* effect of national judicial decisions in international law, legality requirement under bilateral investment treaty. Contributed text to reply brief on jurisdiction.
- Played important role in large investment dispute brought under Energy Charter Treaty against a country in Central Europe. Conducted research concerning expropriation, fair and equitable treatment standard.
- Played central role in large series of arbitration proceedings involving multiple claimants against a not-for-profit entity at AAA and JAMS.

**Horizons & Co.** Dubai. *Senior Associate.* July 2021 – July 2022. International arbitration and commercial litigation. Construction, commercial, company, and investment disputes. Undertook knowledge management project for firm. Managed one associate and three paralegals.

- *Construction Arbitration:*
  - Full care and conduct for medium-scale construction arbitration from start to finish without supervision. Drafted statement of claim, reply, costs submissions. Undertook correspondence with tribunal.
  - Played important role in large multi-party construction dispute pursuing encashment of performance bonds. Contributed significant work regarding back-to-back clauses.
  - Played important role in matter successfully resisting injunction preventing encashment of six performance bonds.
  - Drafted legal notice, notice of dispute, injunction application, and draft penal order in commercial construction dispute.
  - Drafted opinion, legal notice in large retail shopping mall dispute.
  - Contributed research, drafting to reply in construction dispute worth \$80 million.
- *Commercial Arbitration:*
  - Full care and conduct for international corporate arbitration from start to finish without supervision. Drafted statement of claim, reply, costs submissions. Undertook correspondence with tribunal
  - Drafted injunction application, statement of case, affidavit, and draft penal order for important UAE ports facilities dispute.
- *Other:*
  - Contributed to Expert Opinion regarding UAE bankruptcy law. Provided answers to twenty-one specific inquiries and general matters. Principal responsible for most drafting elements.
  - Participated in representation of discharged employee in large employment mediation. Interviewed client, drafted and prepared most material relied upon.

**Canterbury Law Limited.** Bermuda. *Contract legal consultant.* July 2020 – June 2021. Associate-equivalent role completed remotely from New York due to COVID-19 pandemic. Undertaken on contract/per matter basis while taking courses in business and finance.

- *International insurance.* Participated in large insurance-industry arbitration concerning status of several insurance policies and status of Chief Underwriting Officer of an international insurance company. Drafted 150-page witness statement for CEO. Contributed heavily to submissions.
- *Employment.* Participated in several important employment disputes, including senior management and members of government. Drafted employee manuals, policy documents, and revised employment contracts incorporating legislative changes.

**Urbanetic.** Phnom Penh/Singapore. *Contract legal consultant.* February 2020 – June 2020. Advised multi-million-dollar block-chain software regarding smart cities project in Phnom Penh.

**BNG Legal.** Phnom Penh. *Legal counsel.* August 2019 – February 2020. Legal counsel at international law firm until COVID-19 outbreak. Managed General Practice and Myanmar teams, working exclusively for international clients. Broadened transactional experience while maintaining focus on international litigation. Engaged in substantial business development efforts.

- *Myanmar practice.* Engaged in substantial research concerning Myanmar company, investment, and commercial law. Participated in company registration in Myanmar. Engaged in research concerning company dispute in Myanmar. Participated in the sale of two ships from a Myanmar entity to an international entity.
- *Cambodian disputes practice.* Engaged in Cambodian litigation concerning a casino; engaged in Cambodian litigation concerning property disputes; participated in arrest of ship in Cambodian waters. Developed materials relating to international arbitration, including Cambodia's National Commercial Arbitration Centre.
- *Cambodian transactional practice.* Engaged in several land transactions; incorporation of non-profit entities; engaged in substantial research concerning mining industry of Cambodia; engaged in substantial research concerning arbitration and dispute resolution in Cambodia.

**Adrian & Associates.** New York. *Associate.* March 2018 – April 2019. Associate at boutique commercial litigation firm practicing complex commercial litigation, appellate litigation, securities class action defense, insurance coverage, corporate disputes, and alternative dispute resolution including arbitration. Clients include both international and domestic entities. Developed practical skills in litigation: drafting pleadings, motions, memoranda of law, stipulations, affidavits, attorney affirmations, discovery requests, oral argument on motions, and settlement conferences. Gained extensive experience in New York state and U.S. federal practice.

- *Securities Fraud.* Participated in the defense of President of Services in the *Oklahoma Firefighters Pension and Retirement System v. Xerox Corporation* class-action case heard at the Second Circuit Court of Appeals. Drafted extensive memorandum concerning the application of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure §12(b)(6) motions to dismiss.
- *Insurance Coverage.* Engaged in research and all procedural steps involved in successive appeals to the Appellate Division First Department and the New York Court of Appeals concerning the requirement of a finding of proximate causation by the primary insured before additional insured status can be claimed in regards to the duty to defend under an insurance policy.
- *Corporate litigation.* Held primary responsibility for a case concerning the formation of a small company and its alleged fraudulent misappropriation by several of its shareholders. Contributed to drafting of complaint. Drafted memorandum of law in opposition to motion for summary judgment and reply briefs.
- *Employment.* Drafted opposition to motion for summary judgment and reply briefs in case concerning termination of employment of a legal executive. Case concerned alleged mutual mistake and rectification of contract.
- *Appellate litigation.* Created documents initiating appeal in a case concerning pollution from the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. Drafted extensive memorandum concerning exclusion of liability for injuries caused by pollution. Participated in subsequent settlement negotiations, ultimately reducing client's liability significantly.
- *Arbitration.* Contributed research to extractive industry arbitration in Saudi Arabia.

**McNair Chambers.** Doha, Qatar. *Associate.* February 2017 – December 2017. Associate at prominent barristers' chambers practicing international commercial litigation, international commercial arbitration, investor-state dispute settlement, and public international law. Contributed research to several high-worth international arbitrations at ICSID, ICC, LCIA, QICCA and arbitrations under UNCITRAL rules, and researched UNCLOS rules. Contributed to several particulars of claim. Attended conferences, engaged in research for publication.

- *Public International Law*. Participated in the *Jadhav* case heard at the International Court of Justice in 2017. Researched law on consular access, clean hands doctrine, provisional measures in public international law. Additionally, conducted research on the Falkland Islands dispute.
- *Mining and extractive industries*. Engaged in research related to international investment law, mining of metals, political and social conditions in Pakistan, mining valuation and quantification.
- *Insolvency and Fraud*. Produced report on the cooperation between the Serious Fraud Office of the United Kingdom and authorities in an offshore jurisdiction concerning a multi-national insolvency and fraud case in the financial industry.
- *International investment*. Participated in initial stages of an arbitration related to expropriation, fair and equitable treatment, full protection and security concerning an investment in the Caribbean. Drafted demand letter and request for arbitration.
- *Arbitration Act 1996*. Examined implications of the recent *IPCO* decision by the UK Supreme Court concerning adjournment of proceedings in several cases.
- *Telecommunications*. Produced report on competition law issues regarding entrance into Qatari market, use of existing infrastructure. Contributed to draft of particulars of claim.
- *Shipping*. Researched issues relating to force majeure clauses in the shipping industry following the blockade on Qatar. Engaged in research related to US sanctions on Iran. Worked on arbitration related to loading dispute, participated in taking and drafting of witness statement.
- *Hospitality*. Researched issues related to enforcement of arbitral award of tribunal seated outside of the UK in English High Court and Court of Appeal related to the construction of a hotel in a third jurisdiction.

**Deloitte**. Jersey City, New Jersey. *Contract attorney*. April 2016 – February 2017. German-language document review pertaining to the Volkswagen Emissions Scandal. Learned management aspects of the automotive industry. Further developed German language skills.

**Bar Exam Tutor**. Tutor for New York Bar Exam for private clients and a company called LLM Bar Exam.

**Forrest Solutions**, New York, NY. *Paralegal*. September 2015 – October 2015. Extracted critical data from over one hundred employment contracts, helped build an online database.

**Community Service Society**. New York, NY. *Volunteer, legal team*. August – September 2015. Challenged denials of coverage by medical insurance companies. Drafted memo and external appeal.

**California Court of Appeal**. Los Angeles, CA. *Extern*. January – May 2015. Worked as legal extern under a research attorney for Justice Jeffrey Johnson. Researched appellate procedural law, demurrer pleading.

**Barristers' Chambers**. London. *Mini-pupil*. December 2012 – August 2013. Undertook ten short internships at top commercial and chancery barristers' chambers in London.

**University of Southampton School of Law**. Southampton, UK. *Research Assistant*. Summer 2011. Research assistant to Dr Özlem Gürses researching insurance and reinsurance law.

**ESL Schools in South Korea, China, Ukraine, Germany**. *English Teacher*. 2007 – 2010. Taught English to students ranging from children to business people. Developed learning materials. Traveled extensively in over 45 countries on four continents.

#### **LANGUAGES:**

German. Fluent, academic writing proficiency.

Spanish. Upper intermediate, actively learning.

## Applicant Details

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## Applicant Education

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| BA/BS From            | University of California-Davis                            |
| Date of BA/BS         | September 2011  |
| JD/LLB From           | The University of Alabama School of Law                   |
|                       | <a href="http://www.law.ua.edu">http://www.law.ua.edu</a> |
| Date of JD/LLB        | May 8, 2024   |
| Class Rank            | I am not ranked   |
| Law Review/Journal    | Yes   |
| Journal(s)            | Alabama Civil Rights & Civil Liberties Law Review         |
| Moot Court Experience | No  |

## Bar Admission

## Prior Judicial Experience

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| Judicial Internships/<br>Externships | Yes |
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Post-graduate Judicial  
Law Clerk                      **No**

### **Specialized Work Experience**

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Experience                      **Habeas**

### **Recommenders**

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June 27, 2023

The Honorable Judge Bess M. Parrish Creswell  
United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Alabama  
One Church Street  
Montgomery, AL 36104

Dear Judge Creswell,

I am currently completing my final year at the University of Alabama School of Law, where I am the recipient of a merit scholarship covering the entirety of my law school tuition. I also serve as a Senior Editor of the Alabama Civil Rights & Civil Liberties Law Review, the 3L Representative to the Student Bar Association's Elections Committee, and the Vice Chairperson of the DEI Committee. I am writing to express my interest in a clerkship in your chambers for the 2024-2025 clerkship term.

My background in Religious Studies and Middle East/South Asia Studies has equipped me with a robust understanding of cultural diversity and its implications within the legal system. Moreover, my legal experience is varied and comprehensive. As an intern with the Capital Habeas Unit with the Federal Public Defenders in the Middle District of Alabama, I had the privilege of serving clients on Alabama's Death Row. This role required careful attention to detail, thoughtful legal analysis, and a deep commitment to justice. Later, as a Law Clerk with The Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program, I worked closely with clients at the Taylor Hardin Secure Medical Facility in Tuscaloosa, AL. These experiences honed my ability to conduct thorough legal research and advocacy.

As a hopeful Term Law Clerk, I fully appreciate the gravity of serving as an ambassador for the Court. I am steadfastly committed to preserving the Court's dignity, its high standards, and its esteemed values in every interaction. My professionalism and respect extend to all court staff, attorneys, and any individuals I encounter within this role. The magnitude of confidentiality within this position is not lost on me. I assure you of my unflinching discretion, whether it pertains to sensitive legal matters we handle or the internal dialogues within our chambers. My stint as a Judicial Extern for the Honorable Senior Judge Myron H. Thompson of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama in 2022-2023 has honed these essential skills. I learned firsthand the delicate balance between openness in chamber discussions and the absolute necessity for confidentiality. I am eager to bring this nuanced understanding, along with my unwavering dedication to professionalism and decorum, to the role of Term Law Clerk.

Finally, I understand that the role of a Term Law Clerk is not confined to standard working hours. I am prepared to work evenings and weekends to meet the demands of the Court. I see this role as an opportunity to make a direct impact on important legal issues, contributing to the lives of individuals navigating the legal process, and gaining invaluable experience that will influence my future legal career. Thank you for considering my application. I am looking forward to potentially discussing my application further.

Respectfully,

Bachittar Anoop Singh

**BACHITTAR ANOOP SINGH (He/Him)**

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**EDUCATION**

**THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA SCHOOL OF LAW**, Tuscaloosa, AL

*Doctor of Jurisprudence (J.D.) Candidate*, May 2024

*Honors:* Merit Scholarship Recipient 2021-2024 • Awarded *Dean's Community Service Award* • Awarded *Student Pro Bono Award* • Awarded *Order of Samaritan*

*Activities:* Vice Chairperson, *DEI Committee* • Senior Editor, *Alabama Civil Rights & Civil Liberties Law Review (Vol. 14, and Vol. 15)* • Founder, *Middle Eastern/South Asian Law Students Association* • J.D. Admissions Student Ambassador • Class Representative, *SBA Elections Committee* • Member, *Black Law Students Association* • Member, *OUTLaw* • Rookie, *SCRC Division I Alabama Rugby*

**THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA**, Davis, CA

B.A. in Middle East/South Asia Studies (focus in Religion in ME/SA), Sept. 2011

B.A. in Religious Studies (focus in Entomology), Sept. 2011

*Activities:* Co-Founder, *Middle Eastern & South Asian Students' Council* • Co-Founder and Board Member, *Bhagat Puran Singh Health Initiative* • Founder and Executive Member, *Sikh Cultural Association* • Tutor (Math and Biology), *Davis Senior High School*

**LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

**NATIONAL HEALTH LAW PROGRAM (NHLP)**, Los Angeles, CA

*Spitzer Intern*, May 2023 – Present

**FOSTER LAW FIRM**, Vestavia Hills, AL

*Law Clerk*, Oct. 2022 – Present

- Assist with case specific research, including drafting memoranda and motions, researching case law and any legal precedent where relevant;
- Analyze legal documents and briefs, ensuring accurate state and depiction of facts, case law and precedent provided.

**U.S. DIST. CT. FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA**, Montgomery, AL

*Judicial Extern to the Hon. Senior Judge Myron H. Thompson*, Aug. 2022 – May 2023

- Conducted in-depth legal research on relevant statutes, case law and legal precedent; and
- Drafted court documents including sentencing memoranda, judicial opinions and orders, and other legal documents as directed by Judge and Court Clerk.

**ANONYMOUS ACADEMICS LLC**, Washington, D.C.

*Legal Research Assistant*, Feb. 2023 – April 2023

- Assisted with project research and writing as requested in relation to environmental, social, and governance (ESG) audits.

**JOHNSON FISTEL, LLP**, San Diego, CA

*Law Clerk*, Oct. 2022 – Jan. 2023

- Provided support to associates and partners by conducting legal research;
- Analyzed legal documents and briefs, ensuring accurate state and depiction of facts, case law and precedent provided;
- Prepared a variety of legal documents including affidavits, petitions, and pleadings; and
- Drafted court documents and supporting papers.

**ENSAAF, INC.**, Pleasanton, CA

*Program Director*, Sept. 2011 – Oct. 2022; *Various Other Positions*

- Organized and managed the Punjab Documentation Project (PDP); the largest initiative in the history of India to document disappearances and unlawful killings by the Indian security forces;
- Translated primary source documents, including legal documents, from Punjabi, Hindi and Urdu to English;
- Classified and analyzed court documents, census lists, affidavits, and other legal documents to identify senior security officials who perpetrated gross human rights violations in Punjab, India; and
- Drafted case documents and assist in the preparation of legal documents and other materials.

**THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA SCHOOL OF LAW**, Tuscaloosa, AL

*Research Assistant for Professor Shalini B. Ray*, May 2022 – Oct. 2022

- Conducted in-depth legal research on various topics concerning administrative agency law and immigration law, specifically in relation to Title 42, Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA), and Migrant Protection Protocols (MMP).

**FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER PROGRAM**, Montgomery, AL

*Capital Habeas Unit (CHU) Legal Intern*, June 2022 – Aug. 2022

- Assisted the teams in providing representation to persons charged with federal crimes in the twenty-three southeastern counties of Alabama and to people on Alabama's death row whose appeals are entering federal *habeas corpus*; and
- Assisted attorneys and investigators at all stages of client representation, including interviewing clients and witnesses, reviewing, and organizing discovery materials, researching federal constitutional and criminal law issues, and investigating and preparing cases for pleadings, hearings and/or trials.

**ALABAMA DISABILITIES ADVOCACY PROGRAM (ADAP)**, Tuscaloosa, AL

*Law Clerk*, May 2022 – Aug. 2022

- Advocated for individuals entitled to Home and Community-Based Waiver Service in the State of Alabama;
- Helped detainees at the Taylor Hardin Secure Medical Facility secure their constitutional right to treatment under the standards of *Wyatt v. Stickney* and the Americans with Disability Act (ADA); and

- Assisted attorneys and investigators at all stages of client representation, including reviewing and organizing discovery materials, researching state and federal constitutional issues, and preparing cases for hearings, litigation, and/or trial.

**IMMIGRANT DETENTION DEFENSE BOARD (IDDB)**, Tuscaloosa, AL  
*Board Member*, Aug. 2021 – April 2022

- Researched and drafted federal *habeas corpus* petitions for individuals detained by I.C.E. in the Etowah County Detention Center in Alabama; reviewed client intakes; collaborated with Adelante Alabama in hosting “Know Your Rights” training for detainees.

**THE LAW OFFICES OF ROBERT B. JOBE**, San Francisco, CA  
*Legal Translator*, May 2019 – March 2020

- Conducted-virtual and in-person-client intake interviews at a nationally recognized asylum and deportation defense firm based in San Francisco, California; and
- Translated legal documents, witness testimonies, affidavits, and other primary source documents, from Punjabi, Hindi and Urdu to English.

**PUBLICATIONS & RESEARCH ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

- Abigail Coursolle & Bachittar Singh, *Towards Inclusivity and Cultural Competency: Transforming the Health Care Landscape for LGBTQ+ in California*, NAT’L HEALTH LAW PROGRAM (Jun. 21, 2023), <https://healthlaw.org/towards-inclusivity-and-cultural-competency-transforming-the-health-care-landscape-for-lgbtq-in-california/>.
- Deepa Das-Acevedo, *Autocratic legalism in India: A roundtable*, 13 JINDAL GLOBAL L. REV. 117 (2022), <https://doi.org/10.1007/s41020-022-00171-y>.
- Yao-Hua Law & J.A. Rosenheim, *Effects of combining an intraguild predator with a cannibalistic intermediate predator on a species-level trophic cascade*, 92(2) ECOLOGY, 333 (2011), <https://rosenheim.faculty.ucdavis.edu/wp-content/uploads/sites/137/2014/09/Law-Rosenheim-2011-Ecology.pdf>.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**JAKARA MOVEMENT**, Fresno, CA  
 Youth Organizer and Volunteer, June 2008 – Present

**THE APPELLATE PROJECT (TAP)**, Washington, D.C.  
*Mentee*, Sept. 2022 – May 2023

**FRESNO CHAFFEE ZOO**, Fresno, CA  
 Zookeeper Assistant, June 2006 – Aug. 2007

**LANGUAGES & OTHER INTERESTS**

**Languages**

- Punjabi (Native) • Urdu (Fluent) • Hindi (Fluent) • English (Fluent)

**Other Interests**

- Indo-Greek Architecture • Hiking • Camping • Backpacking • Anime • Entomology

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 JD/LLB From **Indiana University Maurer School of Law**  
<http://www.law.indiana.edu>  
 Date of JD/LLB **May 6, 2023**  
 Class Rank **50%**  
 Law Review/Journal **Yes**  
 Journal(s) **Indiana Law Journal**  
 Moot Court Experience **No**

**Bar Admission****Prior Judicial Experience**

Judicial Internships/  
 Externships **No**

Post-graduate Judicial Law Clerk      **No**

### **Specialized Work Experience**

### **Recommenders**

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June 25, 2023

The Honorable Bess M. Parrish Creswell  
Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court  
Middle District of Alabama  
One Church Street  
Montgomery, Alabama 36104

Dear Judge Creswell:

I am writing to apply for a clerkship with your chambers beginning in September 2024. I graduated from the Indiana University Maurer School of Law this past May, and I hope to have the opportunity to work in your chambers. I am interested in a bankruptcy clerkship because as a graduate who is pursuing a career in bankruptcy law, clerking in your chambers would significantly improve my knowledge of bankruptcy law. Bankruptcy is an area of law that I enjoyed exploring during my time as a summer law clerk, and it is an area that I hope to learn more about and eventually practice in my future career. I want to work in the area of bankruptcy law because I want to learn more about the processes of litigation and working through complicated legal issues that businesses and individuals need help solving.

Although I am from Michigan, I spent both of my law school summers in Alabama. Following my first year of law school, I worked in Birmingham as a legal intern at Autocar, LLC, where I researched and wrote about how changing laws across multiple states in areas such as employment law and franchise law affected employees and the company. Last summer, I was a summer law clerk at Burr & Forman, where I drafted transactional documents and did research and writing in a variety of areas of law, including financial services and bankruptcy. This August, I will begin a one-year judicial clerkship for a state trial court judge in New Jersey, where I hope to further improve my legal research and writing skills.

Throughout law school, I improved my writing skills by taking classes that have made my writing clear and concise. As a member of my law school's flagship journal, the *Indiana Law Journal*, I developed skills that are essential for lawyers, including paying attention to detail as an associate editor and reviewing legal writing as an articles editor. I have also served my community by volunteering with the student organization Outreach for Legal Literacy, through which I taught local elementary students lessons in government and law.

A clerkship in your chambers would be an invaluable opportunity to learn more about the laws of bankruptcy. I would be a reliable clerk who would serve your chambers with integrity. I would welcome the opportunity to interview with you, and I look forward to hearing from you. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best Regards,

Ryan Tsivitse

## Ryan Tsivitse

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### EDUCATION

#### Indiana University Maurer School of Law

Bloomington, IN

*Juris Doctor*, GPA: 3.519

Spring 2023

- Full-Tuition Merit-Based Scholarship Recipient
- Dean's Honors (Spring 2021, Spring 2022, Fall 2022)
- Articles Editor, *Indiana Law Journal* (Spring 2022-Spring 2023)
- Associate, *Indiana Law Journal* (Fall 2021-Spring 2022)
- Academic Achievement Award (Summer 2021)
- Treasurer, Business & Law Society (Spring 2021-Spring 2022)
- Member, Outreach for Legal Literacy (Fall 2020-Spring 2023)

#### Michigan State University James Madison College

East Lansing, MI

*Bachelor of Arts, International Relations*, GPA: 3.48

Spring 2019

### EXPERIENCE

#### University of Manchester

*Research Assistant*

Spring 2023

- Collaborated with University of Manchester professors Michael Galanis and Vincenzo Bavoso
- Wrote research memoranda regarding short selling and the short squeeze of "meme stocks"

#### Indiana University Maurer School of Law

Bloomington, IN

*Research Assistant for Executive Associate Dean Donna Nagy*

Summer 2022-Winter 2022

- Proofread and cite checked chapters of a securities litigation casebook authored by Dean Nagy
- Wrote a memo regarding the applicability of insider trading law to crypto assets

#### Burr & Forman

Birmingham, AL

*Summer Associate*

Summer 2022

- Drafted articles of incorporation and by-laws for a non-profit organization
- Researched the effect of odometer fraud on a retail installment contract
- Drafted an operating agreement for a limited liability company
- Prepared a memo regarding cost-shifting the costs of a subpoena for an interested non-party

#### Autocar, LLC

Birmingham, AL

*Legal Intern*

Summer 2021

- Reviewed trademark guidelines for the company's marketing team and suggested revisions
- Researched regulations and prepared a memo regarding the use of medium and heavy-duty electric trucks
- Prepared a memo regarding the applicability of franchise law in New Jersey to an Autocar distributor

#### Indiana University Maurer School of Law

Bloomington, IN

*Dean's Bicentennial Research Assistant*

Summer 2020

- Researched Maurer School of Law alumni and coordinated alumni interviews with fellow research assistants
- Created reports on the alumni's careers and advice they shared for incoming law students

#### Herculeze Technologies Inc.

Rochester, MI

*Operations Manager*

Spring 2019-Summer 2020

- Launched peer-to-peer local delivery website that gained 200+ driver and customer signups in its first month
- Cultivated partnerships with local businesses by meeting with companies such as Mattress To Go
- Generated over \$5,000 in revenue during the website's first three months
- Delivered a business pitch to a group of 100+ members of the Metro Detroit business community

### INTERESTS

- Detroit Lions, Major League Baseball, weightlifting, classic rock